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## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

#### Arranging the Preliminaries.

Paris, December 2.

French comment urges the prolongation of the Pact of London of September, 1914, beyond the signature of the Peace Treaty; and secondly, the settling of the procedure to be followed at the inter Ally Conference.

The latter will consist of a preliminary conversation among the Missions appointed by the Associated Great Powers and afterwards a more general conversation by the delegates, the first phase beginning after President Wilson's arrival.—Havas.

### FOCH AND CLEMENCEAU.

#### Splendid Reception in London.

Paris, December 2.

Marshal Foch and M. Clemenceau were given a wonderful reception in London yesterday. They were welcomed at Charing Cross by the Duke of Connaught and the Premier, a packed mass of people greeting them with volleys of cheers expressing their debt to France.

The British Press see Marshal Foch as the conqueror of Germany and M. Clemenceau as a man full of years and energy who has won the confidence of all the Allied nations.

The object of the visit is to arrange with Signor Orlando and Baron Sonnino the preliminaries of the Peace Conference.—Havas.

### VISITS TO PARIS.

#### More Official Gatherings.

Paris, December 2.

At least six official visits to Paris are expected in December. These will comprise King Albert (next Thursday), President Wilson, the King of Italy, the Prince Regent of Serbia, the King of Greece and a British Naval Deputation.—Havas.

### THEN AND NOW.

#### An Epilogue to 1870.

Paris, December 2.

President Poincaré yesterday attended the annual gathering at Obampigny in honour of the French soldiers who fell in the Siege of 1870. The President said in future the dark days of 1870 would be viewed only through the prism of the new glory of the Battle of Marne; the defence of Verdun and the rout of the Germans, forming a magnificent epilogue to the war of 1870.—Havas.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

### THE RUBBER MARKET.

London, Nov. 27.

Rubber is quoted at 28 1/2 buyers. The market is firmer.

### THE SILVER MARKET.

London, Nov. 27.

The silver market is unchanged.

### THE NAVAL DOCK MURDER.

This Afternoon's Proceedings.

The hearing of the case in which Sardullah Khan is charged with the murder of Sergeant H. Linfield, in the Kowloon Depot of the Naval Yard, was resumed, before Mr. J. R. Wood this afternoon.

Khai Deen, Sergeant Major in the Kowloon Naval Yard Police, cross-examined by accused stated that accused did not tell him he had taken opium or that he was not in control of his senses.

Indian Sergeant No. 10, of the Naval Yard, stated that shortly after midnight, on November 18, he was called to the Kowloon Naval Yard. He assisted in a search of the coal shed. He knew at the time that a European Sergeant had been shot. He heard during the search, the report of rifle shots. He went along the coal shed until they reached shed No. 20 when he heard Commander Myburgh interrogating the accused. He heard the accused refuse to give up his rifle, but giving assurances that he did not intend to shoot, and also saying that he had been very unjustly treated. Accused then came down from the roof of the coal shed and was arrested.

The case is proceeding.

## TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

News from the Capital and Shanghai.

Peking, December 3.—The Chinese Minister in Paris has telegraphed requesting the appointment of a special Commissioner to recruit 100,000 labourers for France.

Yik Kang chuk (late Vice Minister of Communications) has been instructed by the President to investigate commerce in America and France.

The Allied Ministers have again called on the President regarding affairs in China, expressing the Allies' good wishes for early peace.

Shanghai, December 3.—The British, American, Japanese, French and Russian Ministers called on Chu Sai-chang, the President, yesterday, giving friendly advice regarding the Tientsin interfering with political officers, putting obstacles in the way of peace negotiations, trying to restore power to Tuan Chi-jai, (late Premier) and electing Tao Kwan as Vice-President. It is understood that these Ministers will instruct their Consuls in Canton to give similar advice to the Southern Government.

Chu Sai-chang will summon all the Tientsin conference to day to discuss matters, which will have an important bearing on the political situation.

Ng Pui foo, a military commander, marks out six districts in Southern Hunan, over which he assumes government.

Information from a certain important personage indicates that the Central Government has succeeded in coming promising with the South. It is stated that a Mandate will be issued within ten days declaring peace, each side to send 10 or 15 delegates to Nanking to begin negotiations. It is expected that the whole country will be united within three months.

## SHANGHAI VICTORY CELEBRATIONS.

### House of Hohenzollern Burned.

Shanghai's three-day Victory celebration ended with two mammoth parades, fireworks and illuminations, a set of demonstrations witnessed and applauded by crowds such as the city has seldom if ever been called upon to accommodate.

The word "thousands" is a paltry, ineffectual thing to apply to the throngs which jammed the streets, says the China Press. All day people swarmed and massed upon the principal thoroughfares and during the military parade it seemed as though the limit had been reached. It hadn't. Or else the limit was stretched beyond the point of wreckage. Avenue Edward VII, the Bund, Rue du Consulat and last and greatest, the Nanking Road, were filled with close packed humanity to the bulging point. It was well for the shops that they had erected barricades before their plate glass windows. It seemed as though it would be impossible to force a procession through, but it went through practically without a hitch, thanks to the Police department and to the boy sea, and the girl Scouts who helped hold back the press. It should be mentioned that the presence of a whole fleet of tram cars toward the East end of Nanking Road, backing and advancing about during the course of the parade, to the jostling of paraders and spectators, did little to lessen the congestion.

Every available shop window, every roof with a foothold, and every side street along the lines of the procession held its vast quota of onlookers. And no one complained. Everyone was happy.

A fitting climax to the Victory celebrations and rejoicings of the past half week was the lantern procession and final burst of fireworks. It proved the most spontaneously demonstrative as well as the most picturesque of the five big parades held since and was probably the most comprehensive thing of its kind ever seen here or in China.

For a solid hour the long medley of lights and colours and animated humanity poured along the Bund and Nanking Road to the Race Course, cheered continuously and greeted with spontaneous uproars of sound as each new float or novel feature came in view.

From the tops of several of the motors searchlights swung about, playing upon the crowd and the flag-bung streets. The Chapel Brigade had at least a dozen pieces of apparatus in line, some drawn by firemen, and each piece was literally buried under a complexity of clever coloured paper figures and representations. The crowd took to them enthusiastically.

Unmeasured praise should be accorded the Chinese for their hearty and effective co-operation in the big procession. The features they introduced were among the best received of the programme and the whole-hearted way in which they entered into the demonstration was a matter of congratulation for those in charge of the affair.

Senior Consul Lights Hohenzollern's Finish.

As the last float entered the gate of the Race Course, Mr. D. S. Hart, Consul General for Belgium, touched a fuse to the House of Hohenzollern. As the flames enveloped the structure built on the Shanghai Polo Club field, the thousands of watchers felt loose cheer after cheer, the bells on every piece of apparatus of the International Settlement, French Consulate and Chapel brigades, changed their greetings and the "bans" broke into the strains of the Marseillaise.

Unbreakable Glass.

Glass that won't break has been again invented. Even a bomb refuses to break it, if the inventor tells the truth. Two panes of glass have a sheet of transparent celluloid between them, and are welded together at a temperature hotter than that of a non-official member of the Imperial Legislative Council who has had a resolution turned down, so says the Indian Daily News. If you throw a brick against this combination it is bound to shatter into your hand.

Higher and higher mounted the flames and as the structure crumbled, effigies of the Kaiser, Von Hindenburg, the Crown Prince and Von Tirpitz swung from a scaffolding within, quickly shrivelling as they were enveloped by the flames. Long after the fire had spent itself, when but four poles, the original support of the improvised House of Hohenzollern remained, the scaffolding, with its smouldering ropes, stood out against the dark sky.

Then an impromptu parade about the bonfire started—how, nobody knows, but everyone joined in. French-frenches started to sing "Madelon" and as they finished, a band broke into the procession and played Tipperary. The marchers sang the British war song again and again and as they marched the throng cheered.

The Race Course presented a scene that will never be forgotten. From the Shanghai Race Club stands, where hundreds viewed the spectacle, the picture was indeed impressive.

Over a stretch of ground bright as day gleamed the bonfire that told of the doom of the House of Hohenzollern; starbells, rockets and flares dotted the sky with fishes, while beyond the electrically outlined buildings of Nanking Road rose the glare of the illuminated city.

The singing came clear across the open stretch as the band blared its accompaniment and the marchers about their bonfire, each with a torch, and many with Allied flags, brought the light into the picture.

Fire apparatus, with bells ringing wildly, tore about the Race Course; flats of New Zealand and Australia rolled down the stretch in front of the Club grandstand amid cheering and hand-clapping, while beyond the House of Hohenzollern was becoming thing of the past.

The crowd hung on, watching the burning ruins and then the fireworks, and it was well after midnight before the watchers left. The fire was applied to the bonfire at 11.35 and the fireworks started a few minutes afterwards.

Thousands saw the demonstration from neighbouring roofs and from vantage points in the New World. Watchers could be distinguished on the Wing On and Sincere Company buildings. It is impossible to estimate the number of people within the Race Course. After the parade entered, Chinese were allowed to follow and follow they did. Spectators were lined ten and fifteen deep about the roped enclosure but as soon as the flames died down and the parade about the bonfire started, the ropes were lowered.

In addition to the thousands inside the Race Course, thousands more lined the fences. The Chinese waited until the last rocket was sent into the air.

At the Shanghai Recreation Club, men in uniform were entertained and long after the parade about the bonfire ceased, the Recreation Club members and their friends sang the battle songs of the Allied nations. The Cricket Club entertained friends while hundreds gathered at the Race Club for a buffet supper and dancing.

## ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

### The Annual General Meeting.

The annual general meeting of members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd. last evening. The Hon. Mr. D. Landale (Captain) was in the chair and there were present the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E., Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Messrs. E. J. Grist, A. Ritchie, F. H. Thomas (Committee) and Mr. J. de B. Lancaster (Hon. Secretary). A large number of the Club Members also attended.

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen, the report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some days I will, with your permission, take them as read.

The accounts which are now presented to you are for the period from 1st January to 30th September and comprise the working of the Club for these nine months. I think they compare favourably with previous years and that the members may congratulate themselves on having passed through these four years of war with so little financial difficulty. Among the assets there is an error in printing, the sum of \$11,200 should not appear and is not included in the total. It is the intention of the Committee, to write off the value of the Fanning Course and debit Reserve Account with the \$10,000 at which figure it now stands. As the property is now all leasehold this is the proper course to adopt. I think members will agree that the alterations to the 18-hole course at Fanning, such as the extension of the 19th hole and the changes at the 14th and 15th holes, are improvements. The fairway is undoubtedly becoming better each year and we are indebted to Mr. Taitcher for his assistance in the annual top dressing of the ground. The \$19,000 of Hongkong Government War Loan represents the value of the Happy Valley Golf House and, as this property formed part of the debenture holder's security, the money is only available for expenditure on buildings of a similar nature which would improve the debenture holders' security. The Club House at Deep Water Bay has been improved by the addition of a larger dressing room and it is hoped later on to enlarge the verandah of the Club House and screen off the northern end. The Committee find it increasingly difficult to induce members to order the meals they require at Fanning beforehand, and as this constant disregard of the rules is a great inconvenience to the Club, and to members who abide by the rules, it is only reasonable that the penalty for non-observance should be increased. It is intended in future to charge 50 cents more for a tiffin that has not been ordered and to charge half the cost of a tiffin that has been ordered but is not taken. I think members will agree that this is only reasonable. The other day I believe 99 tiffins were ordered at Fanning and only 35 taken. If members have any suggestions to make on this subject the Committee will be glad to hear them. Can any member suggest a simpler method of ordering tiffin than that at present in force or is there any reminder that might be issued which would induce members to order their tiffin at the proper time?

The extension of the relief course at Fanning is having the serious consideration of your Committee. It is our intention to approach the Government and ask them to acquire with a view to allowing the extension of the present and hole course to one of eighteen holes and lease such land to the Club on the same terms as the present eighteen-hole course, that is 4 per cent on the cost plus the loss in Crown Rent. The extension, once the land has been secured, will be carried out gradually as funds permit. There is little doubt that in the near future two right-hole courses will be required to accommodate the large increase in players that it is only reasonable to expect when more normal times return and bring with them the Fleet and Garrison which are required to adequately protect this important Colony and its trading interests. You will notice that 97 debentures have been taken up since the beginning of the year but there still remains \$7,400 to place. I would again appeal to the younger members of the Club to take up at least one debenture of \$100.

In memory of his wife, Mr. Looker has offered to add to the Ladies' Club House two wings which will contain six bedrooms and I am sure will prove a great boon to the families of members who make use of the Club and supply a want which Mrs. Looker, who, in her life-time, was an ardent golfer, greatly felt herself. In accepting from Mr. Looker this generous gift I am sure it is the wish of every member of the Club to express to him our very sincere sympathy in his great loss. (Applause). Plans of the proposed additions are on the table if members would like to see them. We are still indebted to the Jockey Club for their hospitality at Happy Valley and the thanks of members are due to the members of that Club for the use of the premises we are now occupying. Your Committee hope shortly to be able to arrange improved dressing room accommodation with the kind permission of the Stewards of the Jockey Club. The two greens destroyed by the disaster to the masts have been restored by the Government and are now again in use. The site of the old Club House has been cleared, and as the ground is only held by this Club from the Government so long as a Golf Pavilion is erected thereon, letters have been exchanged with the Colonial Secretary waiving this condition for a period of two years, by which time the development of the Jockey Club's scheme for providing permanent stands for Chinese desirous of viewing the Races will be more clearly defined. The position is at present as follows: The Jockey Club are erecting four permanent stands partly on land included in their old lease and partly on an extension granted by the Government. These stands are in line with the existing stands in the enclosure and also are so placed that the row can be extended in a semi-circle round the roads which bound the fifth and ninth greens, without in any way interfering with these greens. Whether such extension will be required can only be determined by experience and a great deal will depend upon the demand for the stands at next Race Meeting in February. Should such extension be decided upon an agreement will have to be come to between the Jockey Club and the Golf Club, either to leave vacant the Golf Club's land, as far as the row of stands is concerned, in which case the Golf Club will be free to erect such pavilion as they may require thereon, or for the Jockey Club to erect a building on the ground, which will be a combination between a pavilion and a stand, and lease to the Golf Club the lower portion for a pavilion. It is to be hoped that it may be possible to come to a decision upon this point this Spring and I can only say that my services are at the disposal of both Clubs to bring about an agreement that will be mutually satisfactory. (Applause). The Chairman then terminated the meeting.

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ests have been safeguarded for the time being and the land upon which the old Club House stood is still at their disposal for the erection of a new house.

Mr. Bentley, Mr. Kraft and now Mr. Lancaster, who is still in office, have all acted as Hon. Secretary during the period under review and the thanks of the members are due to these gentlemen for their services. I would now propose that the report and accounts as presented be passed. Mr. E. J. Grist:—I have pleasure in seconding that.

The motion was carried unanimously.

### Election of Officers.

Sir William Rees Davies—I rise to propose with pleasure that Hon. Mr. D. Landale be re-elected Captain of the Club. (Hear Hear.) Mr. Landale is a good sportsman, a keen golfer and I am sure you know that he is not a mere ornamental member of the Committee but a very hard worker. I propose that with absolute unanimity we shall re-elect him as Captain of the Club. Commander C. W. Beckwith:—I have very much pleasure in seconding.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

The Chairman replied that he would do all he could in the Club's interests.

Mr. L. N. Lafe proposed the reelection of the committee: Hon. Mr. Landale, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. E. J. Grist, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Mr. A. Ritchie and Mr. F. H. Thomas, adding the names of Mr. E. V. D. Parr in place of Mr. W. D. Kraft resigned.

Commander Beckwith seconded and the motion was carried.

The Chairman moved that Mr. J. de B. Lancaster be re-elected Hon. Secretary, remarking that he took a great deal of interest in the work and devoted a great deal of time to it.

Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell seconded and the motion was carried.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-appointed treasurers and Mr. C. Bernard Brown auditor.

Sir W. Rees Davies referred to the insufficient provision for dressing rooms at the temporary pavilion at Happy Valley, the Chairman replying that the Committee had the matter in mind and would endeavour to make improvements.

The meeting then terminated.

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Influenza in America. Washington, Oct. 2.—Thousands teachers and school children were dismissed from attendance here to-day for observation of preliminary symptoms of Spanish influenza. The mild day is continuing to spread throughout the capital. One hospital devoted to special surgical cases found that an influenza patient had been taken in by mistake and as a result fifteen other patients and nurses were down to-day with the disease. All other hospitals were filled and short of doctors and nurses. The Board of Health to-day ordered that street cars should be operated with all windows opened. A new inspection of lunchrooms and soda fountains was ordered. Quarantines were held with managers of motion picture theatres and other public places looking for signs of influenza.



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## GENERAL NEWS.

## Judge Rentoul's Protest.

Judge Rentoul, K.C., made a long personal statement in the City of London Court recently with reference to his association with the Corporation of London as one of the Judges of the Court. His appointment, he said, was made under Royal Warrant, and the Corporation had no authority to talk about reducing his salary, as at a recent meeting of the Court of Common Council. The Corporation had no power whatever over him; to attempt interference with his acts of discretion was very improper. The terms of his appointment were subject to the supervision of the Lord Chancellor only. He wanted the Court to be taken away from the City absolutely; in his opinion it was undesirable for a considerable number of the members of the Law and City Courts Committee to consist of men who practiced in those Courts, however high-minded they were.

## A German Scout Biplane.

A German Pfalz single-seater biplane is described in a report prepared by the Technical Department, Aircraft Production, Ministry of Munitions, as representing a serious attempt to produce a scout machine with good performance. The construction is light and the design clean, and care has been taken to keep the fuselage of very good stream-line shape. The machine was found to climb to 10,000 ft. in 17 min., and to 15,000 ft. in 20 sec., the respective rates of climb being 360 ft. and 110 ft. per minute. The speed at 10,000 ft. was 102½ miles an hour, and at 15,000 ft. 91½ miles. The machine is reported to be stable laterally, but unstable directionally and longitudinally. It answers well to all the controls, but tends to turn to the left in flight. It is not tiring to fly, and is normally easy to land. The most novel feature is the fuselage, which is simply a light wooden framework, without any bracing, covered with two skins of three-ply wood arranged specially in different directions. The undercarriage is constructed of stream-lined steel tube, and the shock-absorbers are of rubber, which is somewhat unusual in German aeroplanes at present. The wings and wing bracing are a copy of Nieuport practice. The engine is a 16 h.p. Mercedes.

## St. Lawrence Power Plant.

Mr. Meighen, Minister of the Interior, and Mr. Sifton, Minister of Customs, have gone to Washington to negotiate with the American Government on the question of the development upon fair and reasonable terms of the power plant at Longsault Rapids on the St. Lawrence River. The Aluminium Company of America, and supported by the American authorities, applied to the International Waterways Commission for permission to build a dam to develop the additional power which is now necessary to increase the production of aluminium. The Canadian Government did not wish to prevent any plans for increasing necessary war products, but objected to a private company securing power rights on the St. Lawrence, and also claimed that under the Ashburton Treaty the Commission has no jurisdiction. The Canadian Ministers propose to Washington that a power plant should be built by the two countries and that the work should be undertaken as a war measure.

## Artificial Limbs for Soldiers.

A new centre for fitting soldiers with artificial legs and feet was opened at Birmingham recently. One hundred beds are provided, and the patients will be taught how to use their limbs. Leg and foot cases only will be treated at this new home at Uffculme, given by Mr. and Mrs. Burrow Oadbury.

## Chinese Victory Celebrations.

It is reported that besides celebrating the victory of the Allied arms by national holidays, the Chinese Government will issue a set of new stamps and coins to commemorate the historic event.

## Trade Unions Huge Funds.

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Some Interesting Figures.

It is frequently asserted that Germany will be ruined if finally defeated, and that in no circumstances can she pay an adequate war indemnity. This argument is demolished in an exceedingly able article by "Politician" entitled "Germany's Natural Wealth," which appeared in a recent issue of the *Fortnightly Review*. His statements—all founded on expert and trustworthy sources of information—may be summarised as follows:

Germany possesses:  
423,356,000,000 tons of coal at 10s. per ton... £211,878,000,000  
4,000,000,000 tons of iron ore at 5s. per ton... 1,000,000,000  
50,000,000,000 tons of potash at 10s. per ton... 25,000,000,000

Total... £237,000,000,000

We live in an age of iron. While coal is the principal source of power industrially applied, iron is the most important ingredient of industrial manufacture and of transport. Germany is exceedingly rich both in coal and in iron ore; but it is important to note that the Lorraine-Luxemburg ores are more easily accessible and more valuable than the other German ores, the Lorraine ore fields have become the principal source of Germany's domestic ore supply. At 5s. per ton the Lorraine-Luxemburg ore alone would be worth £750,000,000.

If Germany should be deprived of the Lorraine-Luxemburg ore it would have a disastrous effect on the great German iron industry and the numerous industries dependent on it—a fact which the Allied diplomats and peoples will probably not overlook.

## Disinterested Bravery.

At Edmonton recently the Coroner presented a vellum certificate of the Royal Humane Society to Miss Lily Rose Page, who dived into the River Lea at Edmonton and attempted to rescue a soldier named Bidmes. Owing to the thickness of the weeds she was unable to get him to the bank and was herself dragged under water. Afterwards she walked away without giving any information about herself.

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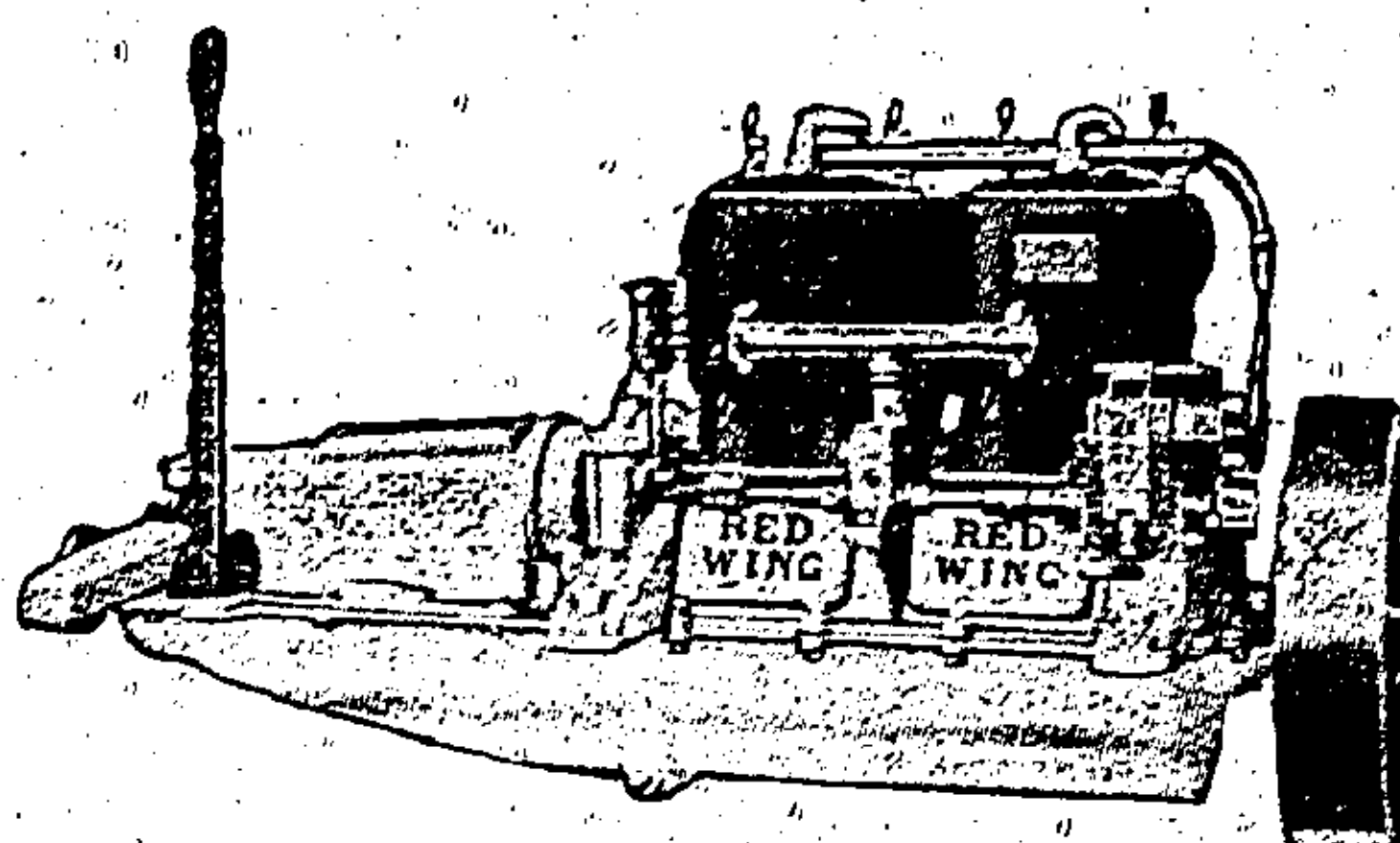
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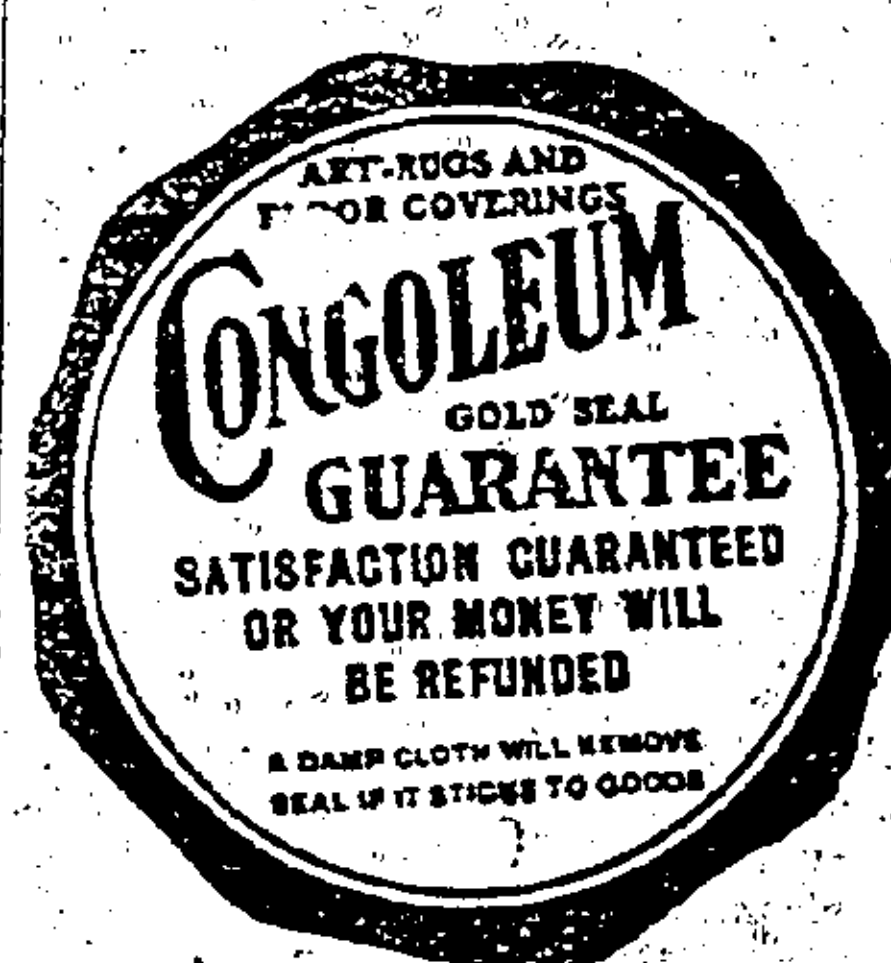
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## THE EFFECT OF THE WAR ON JAPAN.

If there is one country more than another which has benefited financially and industrially through the situation and conditions created by the war, that country is assuredly Japan. The reasons therefor are well known to all—how, largely by reason of her geographical position, she was not drawn into very active participation in the struggle and thus was able to devote far more attention to trade and commerce, and all that that terms covers, than were any other of the belligerents or even neutrals. The enhanced rates of freight also gave a great opportunity to Japanese shipping, with the result that existing companies were able to make huge profits while new concerns sprang up with mushroom-like rapidity and were able to share some of the rich plums that were going. So has it been in Japan's industrial life; never before have there been such opportunities, and never before has so much money been made by new and old companies alike. Incidentally, these developments occurred at a time when Japan was in none too happy a situation, consequent on the economic depression which set in after the Russo-Japanese War, and they have greatly strengthened the country's financial position.

In the latest Financial and Economic Annual of Japan there are some most interesting and illuminating comments on the effect of the war upon the economic markets of the nation, and some of these are at the moment well worthy of notice. So far as foreign trade is concerned—and this is where Japan has had her biggest opportunities during the past four years—we see that from the commencement of the war up to the end of 1917 exports totalled no less a sum than \$389,919,789 against imports amounting to \$288,687,418, thus leaving a balance of well over \$100,000,000 in favour of exports. What these figures mean we may well judge by taking the period prior to 1913, when the total volume of trade rarely reached the level of \$72,000, while as to the balance of trade it was only once that the Customs returns recorded an excess of exports over imports during ten years, the balance being the other way for the other nine years. We cannot go in detail into the development of domestic industries during the war period, but it is estimated that the total investments in the creation of the new and the expansion of old undertakings reached something like \$225,340,572—a figure which speaks for itself.

A point of deep interest—and one which we have not seen greatly emphasised—is that in this time of her prosperity Japan has rendered a deal of financial support to the Allies, either by subscribing to loans issued by them or purchasing their bonds. We read that the total amount invested in such securities up to the end of last year reached well over \$118,000,000, consisting of over \$54,000,000 in British Government bonds; over \$28,000,000 in Russian bonds; over \$15,000,000 in French bonds; to which is to be added a sum of over \$22,000,000 representing Japanese foreign loan bonds and company debentures redeemed in foreign markets. Thus practically the whole of Japan's favourable trade balance has been devoted to financial aid to the Allies. We have not to forget in this connection, of course, that Japan stands very materially to benefit by investments in such gilt edged securities, while in addition she has to the good the many enterprises which the war has opened up and is not faced with the task, as the other Allies are, of making good heavy losses which the war has occasioned. Japan can assuredly feel well satisfied at what the war has done for her. It has removed the pre-war financial stringency and opened the way to undreamt-of expansion in the future. And there are facts which other nations will be well advised to take note of in view of the keen commercial competition which lies ahead.

## The Chinese "Boy."

Scratch a Hun and you get a bristly beast; scratch a Chinese "boy" and you find an impatient and ungrateful. There is an exception to every rule, but it is debatable whether in the case of the Germans any exception exists. The Chinese "boy" is a character study. He not only "gates" you in the daily marketings, but when you go to his he uses your soap, razor, tooth powder and tooth brush. This depraved creature will stoop to anything, and assumes that what is his master's is his. There is a limit to the tolerance of a foreign master, and when it comes to your boy sleeping on your bed when you are absent from home, it is the last straw that would break any camel's back. We do not for a moment suggest that all Chinese "boys" indulge in this pastime, but a recent case came to our notice and we dare say many more are occurring unrecognised.

## A Glaring Instance.

A gentleman bachelor had left, as usual, his room at 9 p.m. and paid a surprise visit at 10 p.m. When peering through a hole in the door he could see the length of a man stretched out on the bed. Looking more keenly, he recognised it was his "boy," who appeared to have regained Paradise on his master's bed. The following conversation between master and servant then took place, after repeated knocks of the former had roused the "boy" from his slumber.—Master:—"What you do on my bed?" Servant (grinning):—"My haad little sleep. All same last night no can catch sleep. Plenty thing have bit me. Suppose master excuse." At this stage the master bellowed, and the "boy" assumed a new attitude:—"Master make too much bobbery. If no wanchee my can catch plenty piggin top side Peak. My can get \$20 one moon. Mischief have pay one big bed and plenty show; my brother have work top side Peak. Mischief have pay one moon and one bed. Suppose you no wanchee me, maskee!" There we have the modern "boy." Can it be wondered at that housekeeping in such circumstances has become one of the most exasperating experiences imaginable?

## A Social Problem.

Straws in the Police Courts show which way the wind is blowing. One sinister straw shows that it is at present blowing towards the harbouring of Chinese married women. There have been numerous cases before the magistrates of late where Chinese have been charged with this offence. We have been educated to look upon the law as a "bass," but Chinese law or custom appears to be certainly a bigger "haas." It takes two to make a quizzical and two to bring about the harbouring, but that is not the Chinese view. The women is the innocent creature, whereas only the man must be prosecuted for harbouring. If there is a breach of the peace both parties are prosecuted, but not in cases of the character we are discussing. This is inconsistent. At any rate it strikes us, if the numerous cases that come up for trial are a criterion, the tendency is becoming common, with the consequent result that dirty linen is constantly being washed in the Police Courts. We know that during the last two years there has been a great flow of Chinese from the surrounding districts into Hongkong owing to the troubled state of the country. Whether the proportion of male immigrants has been in excess of the female we do not know. But the question most have interested. Pariana. The Secretary for Chinese Affairs should be able to tell us whether the Chinese male population is in excess of the female. We must not forget the tendency of Chinese to maintain a large establishment of wives. Could this account for any supposed shrinkage in supply?

## Death of Captain Alan Wilson.

Penang, Nov. 22.—The death occurred of Captain Alan Wilson of heart trouble in hospital to-day. He had a long and notable Volunteer record and was formerly adjutant P.V. and Secretary of Penang Town Club till recently. The military funeral was largely attended.

## DAY BY DAY.

WORDS ARE MEN'S DAUGHTERS, BUT GOD'S SONS ARE THINGS.

To-morrow's Anniversary.  
To-morrow is the 59th birthday of Admiral Sir John Jellicoe.

## The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 4. 3/16d.

## Health Return.

During yesterday one non-fatal case of spotted fever (a Chinese) was reported.

## Canton Poultry Show.

The date of the Canton Poultry Show has been altered to January 4, 1919.

Obstructing Roadway with Putrid Fish.

Obstructing the roadway with putrid fish is annoying to pedestrians, and a Chinese, who was prosecuted for it, had to go to the expense of engaging Mr. P. W. Goldring, who to-day asked for a remand. Bail was fixed at \$25.

## Our Fashion Feature.

To-day we are introducing, for the benefit of our lady readers, a new feature in the form of a special fashion article, comprising besides an illustration, notes specially written for the Telegraph by "Sacha." This feature will appear every Wednesday, and we feel sure that it will become extremely popular with those who follow the vagaries of fashion. Next week there will be special notes by "Sacha" on how to distinguish fashions—a subject of decided interest in the present season.

## "Very Busy Indeed."

A hawk's friends can be just as busy as any taipan in our big mercantile offices. We did not imagine so until this morning when a hawk of haberdashery enlightened Mr. Melbourne at the Magistracy. This scion of the hawkers' race was prosecuted for crying his wares in a prohibited area. His defence was he had only gone into the kitchen of a lady to show him money when the Police pounced upon him. Asked whether he had any witnesses to discredit the Police statement, the hawk said: "I have but they are very busy." "Very busy, indeed," retorted Mr. Melbourne, and fined him \$2.

## The Petty Thief.

The petty thief is not as big a menace to ordered society as an armed burglar. Therefore, the law treats him gently. One Chinese got six weeks' hard labour to-day for the larceny of iron pipes on board a.s. Columbia. An engineer on board this steamer said that when he happened to go to the spare store room, where various kinds of pipes were stored, he saw the defendant and no sooner did the latter get a glimpse of the engineer than he took to his heels, and scooted to the deck. Defendant's explanation was that he went to the store room to look for his tobacco box which he had lost, and just then he was arrested. The engineer said the pipe was found in his possession and he had no business to be in the store room.

## "Taking It by Mistake."

If a dance a gentleman carries another gen's cloak home by mistake, we can believe the explanation, but when a Chinese in reply to a charge for the larceny of 80 atties of wood, gives the plea that he carried it by mistake—well, that is best solved by the trying Magistrate. Mr. Melbourne found this plea too big to swallow to-day and he thanked the defendant for the excuse proffered but gave him seven days' hard labour. "What is your address?" asked the Magistrate, and everybody hurriedly came to the conclusion that the defendant was to get a job. "42 First Street," blurted out the defendant. "But that is my former address," he qualified his reply with, Inspector Macdonald:—"I rather think he sleeps in the street." He gives his age as 30. He should be doing something," said the Magistrate. The Inspector clinched it. He is an able bodied man. The Magistrate:—"He looks it. Therefore I give him 7 days." Quite an edifying Police Court drawing-room conversation.

## MODERN MODES.



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NOTES ON NEW MODELS BY "SACHA."

In the Autumn dresses the great vogue is for simple effects in neat draped styles. An excellent model of this description is shown by the Cherie Lafayette. The dress is made of heavy black fibre silk jersey and is cut in one piece. The back is bloused and the front is draped snugly to the figure from the waist to below the hips. The opening is at the side and extends throughout the length of the model, being outlined with beaver fur.

Another distinctive feature of the new dresses is found in the full length side openings of the long tunic blouses which cover the knee.

The high collar has now a fairly assured position, though the décolleté neck is still used to some extent. In blouses, both for dress and service wear, the tunic still holds its own. For dress the tunic blouse is ordinarily of knee length or longer and shows irregular line of the lower edge, the tunic at front reaching to the knee, while at back it extends to within two or three inches of the hem of the skirt.

The use of plush and of angora jersey on velvet is much in evidence. Braids are also strongly represented and wool combed broideries on chiffon, on fibre silk and on satin are in great demand.

The general line of two-piece suits thus far show long jackets self trimmed or trimmed with fur with plain point short skirts.

In coats there is little new, one of the most popular being the loose belted model with bodice section extending to the hips, lashed by Charait.

The newest features of the latest coats is that they are cut in one part from the shoulder to the lower edge.

Velours, duvetyns, bolivies, silvertons and suede cloths. These are the materials which fashion

has chosen for its artistic, becoming autumn suits.

Tailored suits have straight lines, emphasising narrow shoulders, and tight sleeves with the straight narrow skirt. Others have belted, semi-belted, medium length and slightly longer coats. Some of them have patch pockets for trimmed, while others are trimmed with braid and buttons.

Sleeves are sometimes barred to the elbow, sometimes deeply cuffed with fur. An especially good looking model, of dark brown velvet, has a semi-fitting coat with sleeves and pointed cuffs, and the narrow shoulders covered with a large beaver collar; the coat buttoned at the side underneath the left arm, with a flare from the waist to the knee. This coat has an embroidered design on the right side, balanced by the single embroidered pocket on the left. The skirt is plain and narrow.

Another suit of taupe silvertons featured the snug high waist line with a slight flare to the medium length skirt; very tight sleeves and narrow shoulders; the coat fastens with two buttons in front.

Distinctive coats of bolivies, silvertons and velour cloth out very loose with inviting collars and cuffs of beaver, racoon and seal—some have wide bands of the same fur at the bottom. All are out-fall and gathered at the waistline with a belt.

One charming belted coat of blue bolivies had a large fur collar of racoon and set in pocket.

The new slender skirt, with wide panels and tucks of irregular lines, trimmed with silk fringe and silk braid, are especially featured.

Sports skirts of plaid and striped materials are very good for Autumn and Winter wear. The skirts this season are a trifle longer than they have been.

## TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

A good story is told by an American officer who was formerly a school teacher. In reply to a question as to the world's richest men, a little girl of Scotch extraction arose with the reply: "Harry Lunder and Sir James Barrie." "Surely," said the teacher, "such men, for instance, as Rockefeller and Vanderbilt have more wealth than the men you name?" "Aye, they did have," replied the little girl, "but they've spent some of theirs!"

The most remarkable canal in the world is the one between Worsley and St. Helens, in the North of England. It is sixteen miles long and under ground from end to end. In Lancashire the coal mines are very extensive, half the county being under-mined. Many years ago the managers of the Duke of Bridgewater's estates thought they could save money by transporting the coal underground instead of on the surface; therefore, the canal was constructed and the mines connected and drained at the same time. Ordinary canal boats are used, the power being furnished by men. The tunnel arch over the canal is provided with cross pieces and the men who do the work of propulsion lie on their backs on the loads of coal, and push with their feet against the cross bars of the roof.

It is quite a usual thing to find beautiful little Georgian vases among the broken silver sent to the Red Cross Gold and Silver Fund to be melted. Everything undergoes such a thorough examination that nothing which would realise more money if sold as an article finds its way into the melting pot. A battered and shabby-looking little box bearing a Tudor rose on the lid came in a parcel of worn thimbles and silver and on examination it was found to date back to Charles II. It was sold for \$20.

A correspondent writes to a Home paper: "I do not suppose that it is generally known what Bobbie Burns thought of the Hun. In a letter which he wrote to the Rev. Dr. McGill, of Ayr, he says:—'Ignorance, superstition, bigotry, malevolence, self-conceit, envy, all are strongly bound in a massive frame of brass-impudence. Good God, to such a shield, honour is the peak of a sparrow, and satire the pop-gun of a schoolboy. Creation disgracing scolarate, God ever only mend, and the devil can only punish. Oh! for a poisonous tornado, winged from the torrid zone of Tartarus, to sweep the spreading crop of their villainous conceivance to the lowest hell.'"

A curious find was made by an officer stationed at Berwick depot while walking near the sea. His struck a hard object lying on the grass—an oblong metal plate inscribed in German. "We, William, by the grace of God, Emperor of Germany and King of Prussia, grant this recognition to the first officer of the English steamer Enichow, David Sutherland, for his self-sacrificing attempt at rescue at the wreck of the German steamer Lydia." The inscription is undated.

I have never been able quite to analyse the sensations one has in a church which is always open for prayer, says a contributor to a home paper. Is it imagination or is there a something, a sense of quiet which is not silence, of remoteness which is yet not solitude? Most people know the sensation of being lonely among crowds. Perhaps the feeling I mean may be defined as the exact opposite of that sensation and is one of being in company when by oneself.

Hedingham Castle, a well-known ruin, the remains of an old Norman fortress, standing on a lofty eminence in North Essex, was destroyed by fire recently. The interior, which contained many ancient relics, was entirely gutted, and only a wall remains.



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Deserters from a Belgian Ship

Two Norwegians (J. Mergineon and Bayesoon, both 23 years of age) two Austrians (John Morgan and W. Van Asohe, 10 and 17 years old respectively) a Belgian (A. Sender, aged 18) and an American (W. Ratheford, 18 years old)—all deserters from the Belgian sailing ship "L'Avenir"—figured this morning before Mr. J. R. Wood, charged with being vagrants.

The Police were instructed by the Harbour Master to search for the deserters and the Police succeeded in locating four of them, but when they were taken to the Harbour Master's office it was discovered that the vessel had left. The defendants were housed at the Central Police Station and on Thursday last were taken before the French Consul, who in also acting as well for Belgium. The Consul refused to have anything to do with them. They were again sent to the Harbour Master, who asked the Police to detain the men till such time as he was able to get into communication with the Consul, and enquire whether or not they should be charged with desertion. The Consul again refused to have anything to do with the matter and the Police detained the defendants till Saturday.

Such were the facts outlined to the Court this morning by Inspector Kent.

## S.S. VENEZUELA.

Vessel Released for Service.

The local office of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of cable advice that the S.S. Venezuela sailed from San Francisco on November 23rd for Vladivostok, via Honolulu and Yokohama.

On completion of the discharge of this vessel at Vladivostok she will be delivered to the Company at Manila, proceeding thence on her regular itinerary with the exception of Japanese ports, which will probably be omitted on her return trip to S. Francisco.

The Magistrate:—Are there no ships agents here?

Inspector Kent:—None at all. Yesterday I communicated with the Harbour Master for the third time, and he then informed me that the French Consul had wired to Peking on the matter and was awaiting instructions. No reply has been received as yet. I thought the best thing would be to charge them with being vagrants and to communicate with the Government as to what should be done with them. They have got no money of their own. It cost the Police \$9.60 a day to feed them.

The defendants admitted they were deserters and said they were stranded in Hongkong. His Worship ordered them to be sent to the House of Detention.

## THE STRIFE IN CHINA.

Representations by Foreign  
Consuls in Canton.

The consular representatives of five Governments, Dr. J. W. Jamieson, C.M.G., H.B.M. Consul-General; Monsieur J. Beauvais, Consul-General for France; Comm. Z. Volpicelli, Consul-General for Italy; K. Ohta, H.I.J.M. Consul-General; and Albert W. Pontius, American Consul-General, called at the headquarters of the Military Government at Canton last Monday afternoon, December 2, and, on behalf of their respective governments, acting in concert, presented a Memorandum to the Administrative Council of the Military Government. Dr. Jamieson, as Senior Consul, read the Memorandum. Dr. Wu Tingfang, Administrative Director and Minister of Foreign Affairs, on behalf of the Military Government, made a reply. The Memorandum and the reply is as follows, says the Canton Times:—

The Memorandum. It is with grave concern that the Governments of France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States of America have witnessed the continued civil strife which during the past two years has divided this country. This unhappy division has proved no less harmful to foreign interests than disastrous to the welfare of China itself. The consequent unrest has been an encouragement to the enemy and during the supreme crisis of the war has hampered the effective co-operation of China with the allies; and now that the crisis is past and the nations look forward to the hope of effecting some organization of the world for the realization of peace and justice among all people, the division still prevailing in China makes their task more difficult.

The associated Governments of France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States have observed with hopeful sympathy the steps already taken by the President of the Republic with a view to the settlement of civil strife and have the happiness to believe that the attitude of the Southern leaders indicated no less a desire on their part to arrive at an amicable adjustment of differences.

These Governments have therefore taken the occasion to express the sympathy and hopefulness with which they regard these indications of a desire on the part of both the Peking Government and the leaders of the Southern party to set aside all considerations of merely personal sentiment and of legal technicality and while carefully refraining from taking any steps which might be an obstacle to peace, to seek without delay by frank conference, some means of attaining a reconciliation upon a basis of law and of devotion to the interests of the Chinese nation such as is necessary to assure to China peace and unity within its borders.

In taking occasion to express their earnest sympathy with the efforts of both sides to achieve a solution of difficulties that have hitherto divided their country, the Governments of France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States desire to make clear that in so doing they have in contemplation no ulterior plan of intervention and no desire to control or influence particular terms of adjustment which must remain for Chinese themselves to arrange. They desire only to lead what encouragement they can to aspirations and efforts of both parties for a reconciliation and a reunion which will enable the Chinese nation to tear the more worthily its own traditions its part in reconstruction which nations of the world are now hoping to attain.

The Reply. The Military Government sincerely deprecates the existence during the past two years of the civil war in China which has been prejudicial to China's welfare as well as foreign interests and has prevented the full and effective co-operation of China with the Allies in their fight for the cause of justice and truth. The Military Government has been so much the more anxious for this co-operation on account of the identity of the principles

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For which it is fighting and those for which the Associated Governments of France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States have been fighting. The Constitutionalists have fought not for personal sentiment or legal technicality but to oppose militarism and to make China safe for democracy. The dissolution without a vestige of right of Parliament, which happily is again met in regular session in Canton, the treatment of the Constitution as a mere scrap of paper, the arrogant behaviour and continual misgovernment of the Militarists have compelled the Constitutionalists out of sheer necessity to resort to force for the vindication of right.

The Government observes with gratification by the Governments of the friendly Powers that the most effective manner for shortening the civil war and restoring peace in China is the stoppage of financial supplies to the Militarists. Crediting the Militarists with a desire now for peace this Government has ordered the forces at its command to cease advancing and has made an offer to the elected leader of the Militarists to open direct negotiations of peace at a suitable locality. The peace that is to be made must not be a patched up peace without adequate safeguards and leaving in existence forces which can and may at any moment again disturb the peace of the country. The Administrative Directors are in hearty agreement with the sentiment of the Associated Government of France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States that the reconciliation should be on a basis of law and of devotion to the interests of the Chinese nation. The peace therefore must be a just peace and lasting peace which will enable China to set up an efficient and progressive government, to develop along lines of true republicanism and democracy, and to assume her rightful place in the council of nations.

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## Some Pending Changes.

The men whom the world (the official world included) most delights to honour are the men of ability. There has not been a super-abundance of men of that type. The tendency, as society becomes more and more complex, is to develop talkers, critics, optimists who soothe themselves with hopeful rhetoric, pessimists who have their pleasure in predicting disaster and the helpless spectator who declares aloud that "something must be done" and waits for somebody to discover what it is that can be done. The man of ability is wanted in business life, in official life, in political life and in social life.

This week-end, we understand, will herald some important changes and promotions in the official life of Hongkong, and in all these promotions men of experience have been singled out and honoured. The Hon. Mr. McL. Messer, O.B.E., the guardian of the peace of this Colony, goes to the Treasury in place of Mr. A. M. Thomson.

We have come to look upon Mr. Messer as having been destined to be the O. S. P. ship, and the announcement that we make here will, no doubt, cause some little surprise. Everybody, we feel, will regret this change, but Mr. Messer, we may state, goes to a sphere in which his mathematical talents will shine.

The Hon. Mr. Charles McIlvaine Messer, who is 44 years of age, was the 16th wrangler in the Cambridge mathematical tripos in 1896 and graduated M.A. from the Emmanuel College. He has filled numerous important posts since he entered the Civil Service. He was Police Magistrate of the New Territories, Postmaster-General, head of the Sanitary Board, acting Colonial Treasurer, Superintendent of Police.

After this intimation our readers will naturally be interested to know what will step into Mr. Messer's shoes. It is Mr. E.D.C. Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe, as well, has had an excellent Colonial career. As the First Magistrate of this place he showed a considerable grasp of the Chinese mentality and his judgment was invariably sound. He came from the Federated Malay States in 1901. He was Registrar of the Land Office, New Territories, acting Assistant Registrar General and Deputy Registrar of Marriages, acting Assistant Superintendent of Police and Police Magistrate, New Territories; head of the Sanitary Board, Postmaster-General, Postal Censor, acting Colonial Treasurer, etc. It will be noticed that he has filled identical posts as Mr. Messer.

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## A FATHER AT 84.

## Some Remarkable Incidents.

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A father at 84.—Such is the recent record of Mr. Jackson, a north-country farmer.

Men more patriarchal still have figured in the ranks of fathers. Such a robust veteran was Sir William Nicholson of Glenberry, a grand old Scotman who lived to see an infant daughter after he had passed his 92nd birthday. Sir William then had a daughter alive of his first marriage aged 66! He married his last wife when he was 12, and had six children.

Sir Stephen Fox's last child was cradled when her father was within a few months of completing his 100th year! Sir Stephen was born in 1627, and had by his first wife a daughter who died in infancy in 1655. The child of his old age survived to the year 1823, and was thus able to say, "I had a sister who was buried 173 years ago!"

When William Prest of Ripon was laid to rest in 1739, at the age of 108, he was followed to his grave by his eldest son, a veteran of 83, and by his youngest boy, aged 16, who made his appearance when his father was within eight of his 93rd birthday, and when his eldest brother was 72.

Thomas Beatty of Drumcondra, near Dublin, celebrated his 102nd birthday on the very day on which his youngest-born entered the world and when his eldest son had already seen 73 years.

Thomas Parr made his first trip to the altar at 80 and became the father of two children, and he was so full of vigor that he made a second matrimonial venture 42 years later, when his years numbered 122!

**Police Reserve Teams.**  
In connection with the Hongkong Police Reserve teams tournament the Portuguese Company (winners) play The East on Saturday next at the Club de Récreation.

**A Business Trip.**  
Mr. A. J. Moore-Bennett arrived from Peking via Hankow to-day on route for Yunnan-fu and Saigon. His trip is in connection with the organising of new offices for the Anglo-Chinese Engineers Association in South China.

**Still they Come.**  
Still they come—not the elusive dollars for the St. Andrew's War Bond drawing, but the artful opium smugglers. Not a day goes by that some honourable participant in this profit-making business is not hauled up before the magistrates. The risk has not dampened the Chinese courage and the prospect of making a handsome windfall, if only the Scylla and Charybdis of a Revenue or Police search could be safely negotiated, has still a great attraction for many, and the fever has spread to women. One such woman adventurer has been ensnared in the clutches of the law and the excuse she gave to the magistrates is remarkable for its pith. She made a clean-breasted affair of it, pleaded guilty and said that she was in destitute circumstances—again the "hunger microbe." She came to Hongkong to seek a man who owed her money and he gave her 17 tael of opium dross—a barter that she considered fair at the time.

"Where is this man?" came the quick query from the magistrate. The woman collapsed here. She could not recall the man's name or address. A fine of \$60, or one month's rest cure in the House that Jack Built, was the sentence passed.

## SUMMARY COURT.

## An Indigo Deal.

In the Summary Court, this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, the U. Tai Sing firm of Kow Fong Street, Wanchow, dealers in indigo, claimed from the Wa. On Firm, of No. 5 Queen's Street, Hongkong, also dealers in indigo, the sum of \$1,323.81 for indigo sold and delivered.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada appeared on behalf of the plaintiffs and Mr. E. L. Agassiz represented the defendants.

Mr. D'Almada said the claim was in respect of \$1,323.81 balance due for indigo sent to defendants for sale. Plaintiff waived the sum of \$323.81 and claim \$1,000 only to bring the action within the jurisdiction of the Summary Court. The defendants had obtained leave to file a counter claim, in which they denied, claiming \$212 as balance owing as particularised in a statement submitted.

Mr. Agassiz said he brought the counter-claim as an alternative defence.

Mr. D'Almada said plaintiffs were indigo dealers and they sent two lots of indigo to the defendants who sold them on behalf of plaintiffs. Subsequently plaintiff requested defendant to pay two sums of \$500 each to one Sing Hing and one Yik On respectively which was admitted, leaving a balance of \$1,323.81. According to their own statement defendants sent another statement to San Ki who was a salesman in the plaintiff firm and also a buyer in defendant's employ where he had been long before the plaintiff business was established. The defendants are alleging that the sale of the particular lot of indigo in question was a transaction of San Ki alone and had nothing to do with the plaintiff firm.

The case is proceeding.

**THE INCONSIDERATE WAITER.**

It was James M. Barrie, or some such gentle word carver, who in "The Inconsiderate Waiter" gave to the world one of the most charming of character etchings. "The Inconsiderate Waiter" was fiction. There may have been a thread of fact about which Barrie wove the fabric of his dainty yarn, but it couldn't have been more than a thread. The title was proof enough. All waiters, or nearly all, are inconsiderate. And all good waiters die young or achieve fortune. We could name a dozen New York millionaires who were knights of the napkin.

When we think of waiters or speak of waiters we mean masculine waiters, for perhaps 90 or 95 per cent. of the waiters in America have been men. There is a change impending; a woman is going to oust man from this proud position. Women have waiter jobs in minor establishments, but now they are to have entrance into the most select.

The Blackstone in Chicago leads the way. There are few hotels in America that rank higher than the Blackstone. Tracy Drake, who conducts the Blackstone, has installed girl waiters in the Marble Room of his caravansary. The girls are dressed in white, have blue bows in their caps and wear the insignia of the Food Administration.

Most men are poor waiters. Girls should make the best of waiters.

**Raffle Result.**  
The "Heather Day" raffle for the croquet bedspread, presented by a Portuguese lady, has been won by ticket No. 43.

SERVED BEER AND  
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German Mess Sergeant Took American Orders Behind his Bar.

With the American army on the Lorraine front.—The Germans apparently never expected to be ousted from the St. Mihiel salient. They had done much work in building shelters and beer gardens, and about the Souleuvre Farm the country had been made to look like a prosperous German neighbourhood, with resorts where towns people might spend their holidays.

Little clubhouses were built and equipped not wholly in keeping with front line operations. The dugouts and shelters of the officers were furnished almost luxuriously, some of the larger ones being fitted with bathtubs and running water and lighted by electricity. Outside of many of them were little summer houses, where the occupants were accustomed to sit and drink beer.

When the Americans advanced they captured a German mess sergeant who had been instructed to pack up and leave, but who had underestimated the speed of the American progress. He was carrying a quantity of beer and cheese, and when he saw the Americans approaching, he did not run, but busied himself like a bartender, and received them standing behind a table on which the beer and cheese were ready for consumption.

German and Austrian prisoners displayed great interest when they learned of the Austrian peace suggestion. They made no effort to conceal their discouragement when, assured by the American soldiers that peace was a long way off, unless Germany was willing to admit that she was beaten.

Stories told by the prisoners nearly all indicate a lack of harmony between the Austrians and Germans and reflect the lowered morale of the Central Powers. The prisoners' conversation shows that they realise the hopelessness of success and their belief that they are fighting for some object which to them is apparently not clear.

Individually, the captured men are in good condition. They are well clothed, well fed, and healthy.

## American Labour Delegates.

The Delegates of American Federal Labour at the International Labour Conference are announced as follows:—Mr. S. Gompertz, President; Mr. William Green, Secretary and Treasurer; Mr. John R. McAlpine, and Mr. James Dandane.

**Much Trouble.**  
"Do they give the Police much trouble?" was the query addressed by Mr. Melbourne frequently this morning. And in almost every case the Inspectors and Sergeants said:—"O enormous!" We could hardly expect any other answer from them. If the Police belittle the trouble they get, the Force would have to be disbanded and Hongkong become an excellent Utopia. Good advice to the Force: When put this question again spin out a terrible jargon and don't cease fire until asked to. While on this subject we may mention another incident. "Do they give the Police much trouble?" was the question again put to a Sergeant by Mr. Melbourne in a case where two men were charged with fighting and this was the splendid reply:—"I do not know what consequences would have been. The men would have been stabbed and there would have been terrible bloodshed—if the police had not been near the spot." Other Sergeants should take a leaf from this officer's book.

## GET-READY PAPERS.

Professor of Economics on the New Protection.

No one is so foolish as to think that social reform can be had without paying for it; but a considerable number of social reformers appear to believe that society can undergo a radical reconstruction without a basis of great industrial prosperity.

It is important, then, that democracy should cultivate some clear thinking on this matter, and should argue itself into the only logical conclusion which can serve its purpose, namely, that the paramount question for the State after the war will be the question of trade and industry. Are we to ensure employment by means of a tariff barrier, or to ensure a supply of raw materials by the magnet of Free Trade? Nothing it is felt, must be done to hinder the coming of raw materials to this country. Only the most blind and foolish person would suggest that a protective tariff could serve our trade interests in a time of universal dearth. We do not want to keep things out of the country; we want to attract them into our midst, and as abundantly as possible. This surely, is self-evident.

**Free Trade Impregnable.**  
I have discussed this matter with several eminent men, and in no case have I found a serious divergence of opinion. First of all, everyone is agreed that Free Trade, as an economic principle, is impregnable. I believe that no responsible statesman who before the war was a Tariff Reformer now advocates a tax of any kind on food and faced with the tremendous problem of finding food for all our people when the artificial demands of war suddenly collapse, what economic policy are we to pursue, a policy which will not only provide work for British democracy, but work so profitable that we may pay our debts and lay the foundations of a far juster social order?

But Free Trade, in a political sense, is being summoned to prove its value. So far as it stands as a synonym for laissez faire, it is open to criticism. Indeed, I find no one of any note who defends it in this particular. The Professor, however, is prepared to justify the principle of laissez faire as the most workable policy of this article, for normal times. But these times are not normal, nor are normal times likely to recur for some years after the war. The Professor's advocacy of State control is all the more significant because of his forthright and affectionate devotion to laissez faire.

It is always desirable, he says, "to leave things to take their own course; but it is not always possible. Under ideal conditions there is a natural tendency for things to take the right course. Nature has an excellent way of managing her affairs. But ideal conditions are hard to come by. If men were angels, laissez faire would be the best policy; but men are not angels, therefore the policeman. The freest people have the best police."

He points out that with ample production the laws of supply and demand may be safely left to regulate prices; but without ample supplies nothing could be more disastrous than the unchecked working of those laws. "Suppose the price of sugar had been left to the demands of the public, what would have been the price to-day? Probably at least 5s. a pound; and even that price would not have stopped the comfortable classes from buying it; but what about the working man?"

The time has come when the State will interfere to prevent people either from buying or making what they want. They will have to buy what is provided for them, and to make only those things which are necessary. He admits that this will be an immense nuisance. He is critical of bureaucracy. He would like to see the unbridled brains of the human race freely working out their own salvation. But that is impossible. Until there is once more a sufficiency of good and raw materials, we must all submit to the control of the State.

"Control," he says, "may not work well, but anything else would work horribly ill."

His message to British democracy may be summarised in this form: For at least two years after war we must practise a rigid denial, and work with all our might to increase production; beyond seeing that wages are kept up to meet the increased cost of living, we must exercise patience in the matter of social reform; and when supplies are adequate to human needs, then we should do well to return as soon as possible to the full industrial freedom which our fathers laboured to secure for a hundred and fifty years.

The Professor is eager for great fundamental political reforms, and wonders at the folly which can oppose itself to these essential changes in our social order. But he believes that man should be left with nature to work his way to such millennium as may be possible.—Harold Begbie in the Daily Chronicle.

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There will no longer be any restriction on the channels by which vessels may enter the port. The Police Examination which is carried out under the Travellers Restriction Ordinance, 1915, will continue.

Pending the issue of regulations which will alter certain details of this Police examination, all ocean-going ships must fly the police flag on entering the port and should proceed to their buoys and there await the arrival of the police. No person is to be allowed to land from any such ship until the police examination has taken place and no such ship may go alongside a pier or alongside any other ship until that examination has taken place. No ocean-going ship shall leave the Colony until it has been examined by the police.

A launch will be stationed at each entrance to the port for the purpose of directing ocean-going ships to fly the police flag and to proceed to their buoys.

British and allied ships which are fitted with wireless telegraph apparatus will not be required to lower their aerial wires or to seal up the apparatus on arrival within the waters of the Colony. This relaxation of the wireless telegraph regulations shall not apply to neutral ships.

**A Chocolate Ration.**  
The first consignment of an order for 1,108,000 cakes of chocolate for the use of the American Red Cross in England arrived at a British port early in Sept. The chocolate is of a new type, being combined with wheat, nuts, and raisins, to make a well balanced ration.

**A Soldier's Ruse.**  
A tired soldier loaded with equipment, climbed into a crowded London bus. No one offered him a seat. Finally he took from his haversack a small bottle. "This is one of the things we use out there, you know," he remarked to two or three passengers. "See this pin here? When I pull it out like this it should explode a few seconds later. If I put it back again the thing is harmless." Then, beginning to search frantically: "Where on earth did I put that pin?" Within one minute the bus was empty. Then, passing the bomb back in his haversack, Tommy stretched himself full length on the cushioned seat.

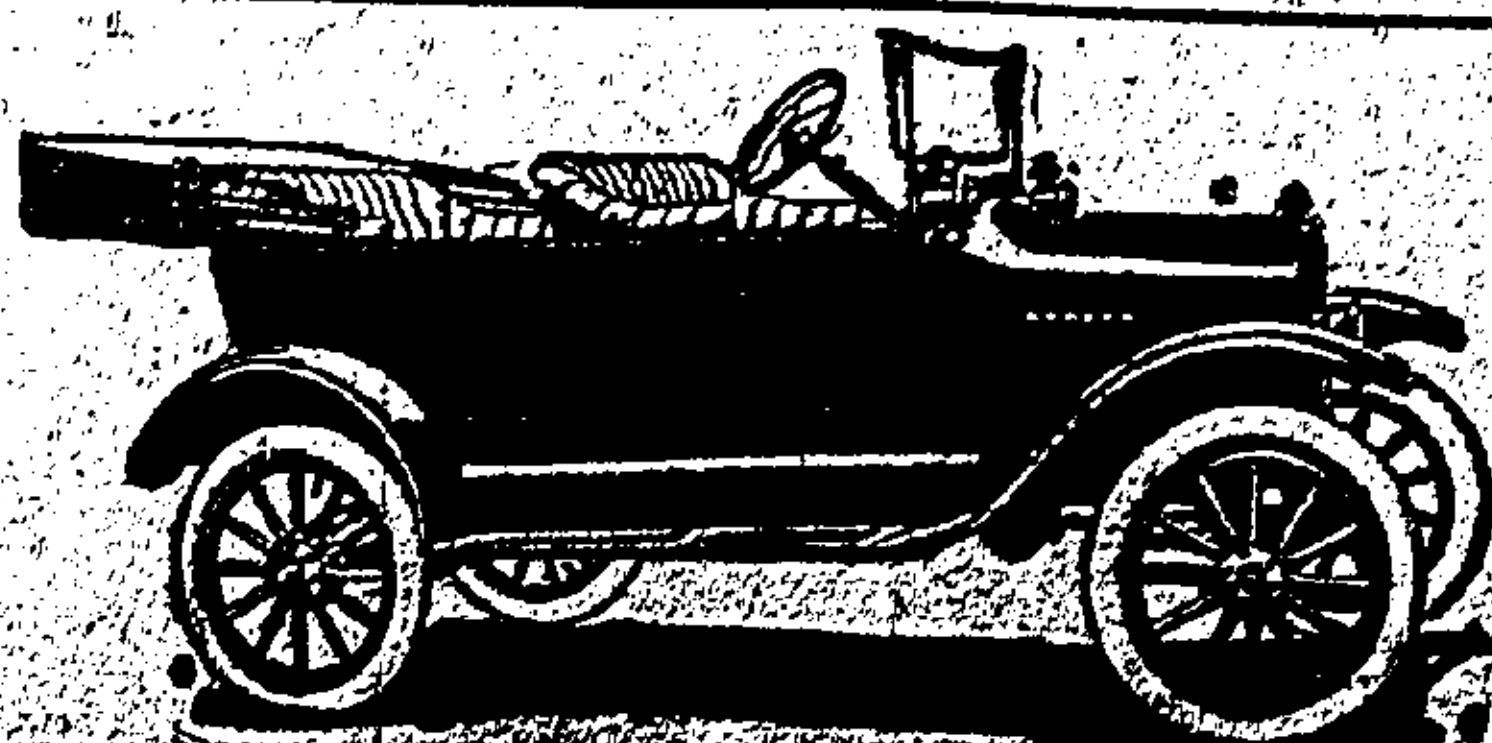
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## COMMERCIAL NEWS.

## A Company's Expansion.

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## A Good Dividend.

It was thought the Toyo Spinning Company would reduce the rate of dividend for the last term in view of the approach of peace, but the company has now decided to declare a dividend at 60 per cent. or the same as for the preceding term. It is expected that all other companies will also repeat the previous dividend except the Dai Nippon Company, into which the Amagasaki and Settsu companies have been amalgamated, which paid an exceptional dividend of 100 per cent. in celebration of the amalgamation.

## Motor Propaganda.

The Motor Advertising Managers Association are doubtless fully aware of the feeling that exists in the Colonies and in neutral countries in regard to the desirability for "boosting" British cars and vehicles in the overseas markets says the *Journal of Commerce*. We are not altogether agreed with the criticism of some correspondents who seek to ridicule the methods and the matter used for advertising the British products, but we certainly are of the opinion that, with few exceptions, the home companies are allowing most favourable opportunities for the building up of goodwill to pass by. The question of publicity is very largely bound up with that of representation, and in this direction, too, we are rather inclined to believe that the American is wiser than we are in the methods adopted. Whilst we are content to tell our goods through the medium of agencies, who already represent probably two or more foreign competitors, the American, as a general rule, selects his own direct representative, and keeps him well posted with selling points and useful literature. The Press, too, and the writer had a full knowledge of what was being done, is, in normal times, a welcome caller for information, whereas experience proves that the British manufacturer excuses himself with the plea that he is either too busy to be interviewed or has nothing for publication. It is in these little matters that the Association referred to could be of infinite value to the home trade, and of no mean assistance to these newspapers who are desirous of promoting British interests.

## Industry in Japan.

It seems that all industries in Japan have benefited in varying degrees from the war, and it is difficult to draw any line of demarcation between what are called war and peace industries. The greatest benefits, however, have apparently been enjoyed by chemical, iron-founding, marine insurance, and other businesses, which are generally termed war industries. On the other hand, manufacturing, spinning, sugar, electric and other businesses are regarded as peace industries. It is not believed that the termination of the war will cause any serious effect on peace industries, and indeed, it is generally expected that after the war the sugar industry will show increased prosperity. It is feared, however, that the markets for iron, steel, chemicals, medicines, dyes and some other articles will be seriously affected in view of the tremendous boom which these articles have enjoyed in Japan during the war. As to marine insurance, it is believed that it will continue prosperous as long as the activity in the shipping trade lasts.

## PRUSSIA MUST PAY.

## Lord Northcliffe on Ships for Victory.

Viscount Northcliffe spoke recently on the war to the officers and men of the Newfoundland Forestry Companies engaged in wood-cutting and other timber operations in Scotland.

In welcoming Lord Northcliffe to the great camp at Kenmore, Major Sullivan, in command, said he was rejoiced to see that his lordship had practically recovered from the long bronchitis trouble which had affected him during the present year. He reminded his hearers of the many speeches made by Lord Northcliffe in Newfoundland over a long series of years, predicting the present war. Lord Northcliffe and his distinguished brother, Lord Rothermere, by introducing the industry and art of paper-making into the island, had given employment to thousands of Newfoundlanders, and brought greatly increased prosperity to Britain's oldest Colony, now a Dominion.

In response to a unanimous demand for a speech on the situation of the war, Lord Northcliffe said:—Many of you have heard my war utterances of far back as the better part of a score of years. But neither you nor I could have realised that the youth of Newfoundland would one day, with no selfish object, revisit the lead of their fathers, there to prepare for the crusade in France. I have often been asked by my own folk as to the origin of the Newfoundlanders. You all know the authentic story of a noble dame who, when bidding a well-known Prime Minister of Newfoundland to accept London function, added to her card of invitation the words, "Please come in native dress, if possible." (Laughter.) The Newfoundland friends round me are mostly the sons of men whose forbears came from Thomas Hardy Wessex. They sailed from Poole Harbour and from Bristol, and their descendants to-day will find their character accurately described by Mr. Hardy in his books, "The Woodlanders," "Far from the Madding Crowd," and "Under the Greenwood Tree," and the great array of works of genius in which Mr. Hardy has enshrined the people of the chief State of the ancient heptarchy.

When these men of Wessex arrived in Newfoundland they found themselves to be the contemporaries of Portuguese, Frenchmen, and Basques, who were also making their way to fish for cod. More recently came the great migration of Irish to Newfoundland, and so, interwoven in the language of the Isle, are to be found not only ancient Wessex words preserved by Hardy and by Baynes the Wessex poet, but also many Irish words. Here and there in Newfoundland may be found descendants of the original French who settled there, and also those of some of the Red Indian invaders, but on the whole the claim of Newfoundland to be the most purely British overseas community in the world is probably accurate. None of the King's far-flung island peoples rushed to his standard with greater zeal and rapidity. None have exceeded the valour of the Newfoundland troops who fought at Beaumont Hamel. None are more determined that foul Prussia shall be deposed from her position as the bully of the world.

## False Optimism about U-Boats.

The position of the war to-day is on the whole satisfactory, but there are some who forget the maxim inscribed on our barometers. "Slow come, slow go." That which has been preparing for nigh on 50 years following the gradual development of Prussianism evoked by Frederick the Great is not going to collapse, as certain foolish people think "Crumble" is the better word. Prussianism is crumbling on the Western front to-day, but while the Kaiser's right hand is faltering on the West, his left hand is burrowing in the East. While the arch-ventriloquist, Kaiser Karl of Austria as his vocal puppet, is striving to arrange for the

withdrawal of more divisions from Russia to face the British, French, and American divisions in France.

The question of the duration of the gradual crumbling process comes back to the question of ships. In this matter the Newfoundlanders here around me are assuredly helping to crumble Prussianism by providing timber, that otherwise would have come from Scandinavia or across the Atlantic—to come at a risk that is, in my opinion, too lightly minimised by our officials. You who have crossed the Atlantic know that the submarine danger is by no means at an end. True, it is being checked, but the U-boats still steadily sinking valuable tonnage and valuable cargoes. All politicians would like you to believe that the submarine is finished, because they like you to hear pleasant things, and submarine news is heavily censored. From this results the general optimism which now surrounds that ugly topic. I have often thought that one of the worst evils of a censorship is that it kills, or "dopes," as you boys say, the Government as well as the people. Do not, I pray, let the false optimism about the submarine cause you to relax your efforts in getting that timber which is one of the great necessities of war. Every stick, as you call them, that is felled is one more plank in the bridge of victory. Few can desire peace more eagerly than those who face the submarine in that long journey across the Atlantic. It is this voyage which helps to give to Transatlantic troops that grim and sober look which somewhat surprises those of us who supposed that the Americans, the Canadians, and the New Zealanders would go to war whistling ragtime. Every tree that is felled by the axes wielded by woodmen trained for generations in the vast forests of Newfoundland brings those Prussian thieves nearer to the seat of judgment, nearer to the prisoners' dock where they will assuredly stand to await their sentence. Every tree you cut down brings nearer the day when the world will hold the German railways and the German mines in part payment for the illimitable and horrible destruction of the cities, villages, and churches of France and Belgium.

I have never wavered in my conviction that peace will be dictated by the Entente Allies in Berlin or thereabouts, but it will not be necessary for the Allied Armies to fight their way to the Prussian capital. Remember that Germany is not a homogeneous country, but an agglomeration of peoples who greatly dislike each other. Once the Entente Forces enter Germany, as they certainly will, the white flag already hoisted by Austria will be sent up by a score of petty Courts. Prussia, which is as much hated in Dresden and Munich as in Great Britain and her proud Dominions, will then stand almost alone. Her satellites and parasites will, like Austria, endeavour to make peace. We must stand behind our gay and gallant Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George (cheers), President Wilson (cheers), Mr. Clemenceau (cheers), and Signor Orlando (cheers), not forgetting that noble and pathetic pair, the King and Queen of the Belgians. (Cheers.) We must see to it that Prussia pays town for town, village for village, ship for ship, jewel for jewel, picture for picture, dollar for dollar. That is she must pay full compensation for all that she has gorged and stolen, sacked and burnt, drunken and lusty over her paper victories. (A voice.)

"And shivering in paper clothes?" (Laughter.) Prussia will be reluctant to yield as yield she must to the will of the civilised peoples of the world, fighting for the liberties of mankind. (Cheers.)

German Prisoner's Girl Guards. A considerable number of German prisoners of war are stationed at three camps in the Bedford district of North Nottinghamshire for work on the land. It was reported at a meeting of the Bedford War Agricultural Committee recently that, since the guards had been withdrawn, young girls had been sent to escort the prisoners to their work, but this was ordered to be discontinued immediately.

## WHY WORRY?



"WHY worry? The War's over!" So it is. We have all heard that remark more than once, but there is much to "worry" about yet. We're not out of the game simply because the Huns have laid down their guns. What you gave on Heather Day and at the Fair is surely not the limit of your sacrifice. There are thousands and thousands of brave men condemned to pass the rest of their lives in misery unless we rally to the aid of the great work of healing. Thanks to the Army and Navy, we have had, and will continue to have, a very comfortable time in Hongkong. It is our duty then to "worry," in order that the maimed and sick, the human wreckage of the great war of Liberty, may be restored. Every one of us here owes a great debt to the men who fought and bled in the war—a debt which we can never repay. But we can show our appreciation by giving our last cent to the great work of mercy in which so many noble men and women are engaged at home. Money is urgently needed. Shall we grudge it now that the war is won? Never let it be said that our patriotism and honour petered out with the echo of the last shot. Don't say that you put every cent you had into Heather Day and St. Andrew's Fair. The War Bond Drawing is for the same cause, and its success must be written down in the annals of the Colony's giving as another endeavour to show tangible appreciation of the brilliant achievements, on the battlefield and on the North Sea, of the bravest boys on earth. Make the result a Victory Offering worthy of the Colony.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

A Carnival in Peking. A lantern carnival is to be held shortly and a big dinner will be given by the Peking Government to distinguish foreigners in commemoration of the complete victory of the Allies. All shops in Peking will be asked to fly flags, and pavilions will be erected to celebrate the occasion. The Ministry of the Interior and Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been asked to make preparations for the coming celebration. Great enthusiasm is being felt by the public of the success of the Allies. The Lost Art of Cob Making. Devon Education Committee recently decided to form classes to try to revive cob making in Devon, which several members described as a lost art. Lord Portsmouth contended that houses built of cob were cheaper, while he knew houses of this character which must be six or seven hundred years old. Cob houses, he declared, were most comfortable places in which to live. The members said it was difficult to find workers in cob making now.

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The parcel post service to Cuba is  
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It is not that all telegrams as to  
the use of wireless telegraphy by  
Merchant Vessels on the China Station have  
been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria  
and the Ottoman Empire are  
suspended.

On and after May 1st, 1918, Imperial  
Postal Orders will be cashed in India at  
the rate of 1/8 to the rupee.

No unofficial letter addressed to  
Abadan, Ahwas or Mohammarah in the  
Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in  
weight.

The insured letter and insured parcel  
services between Egypt (or in transit  
through Egypt) and Cyprus are temporarily  
suspended.

Correspondence addressed to enemy  
subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and  
Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco  
cannot be transmitted.

Uninsured parcels for the United  
Kingdom will in future be forwarded  
from Hongkong in bags and the Public  
are therefore advised to pack such parcels  
very carefully.

Until further notice parcels for civil  
addresses in the provinces of Udine,  
Vicenza, Treviso, Padua, Venice and  
Belluno in Italy will not be accepted for  
transmission unless posted under the  
British War Office Permit.

The Parcel Post Services to British East  
Africa and Egypt (except for members of  
the Expeditionary Force), and to  
Abyssinia, Bagdad, Erithrea, French  
Somali Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese  
East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia  
have been suspended.

On 1st September, 1918, the rates of  
postage chargeable in India on letters for  
all places abroad to which the rate of 1  
anna per ounce was previously applicable  
was raised to 1 1/2 annas for the first ounce  
and 1 anna for each additional ounce.

The postage on letters to Naval and  
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### OUTWARD MAILS.

#### TO-MORROW.

Shanghai and N. China—Per SUIYANG  
5th Dec., 11 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per KAIFONG,  
5th Dec., 2 p.m.

Swatow, Shanghai and N. China—Per  
TAISAN, 5th Dec., 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, 6th December.

Straits, Banker, Ceylon, Mauritius, S.  
Africa, India via Dhanuakoti,  
Fomby, Aden, Port Tewfik,  
and Europe via Suez—CHUN-  
SANG, 6th Dec. Reg. 9.45 a.m.  
Letters 10.30 a.m.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on  
Thursday, 5th Dec., at 5 p.m.

Java via Moji—Per CHITO MARU, 6th  
Dec., 1 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI-  
TAN, 6th Dec., 1 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per YEUNSANG,  
6th Dec., 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, 7th December.

Swatow & Bangkok—Per LIANGCHOW,  
7th Dec., 8 a.m.

Chefoo—Per EWEILIN, 7th Dec.,  
11 a.m.

SUNDAY, 8th December.

Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow via K'o-ong  
Maru, 8th Dec., 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 10th December.

Shanghai & North China—Per RINGAN,  
10th Dec., 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, 13th December.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI-  
HONG, 13th Dec., 1 p.m.

### WEATHER REPORT.

December 4d. 11h. 10m.—No returns  
from Japan and Vladivostok. Pressure  
has increased slightly over the Philip-  
pines, and decreased slightly to moder-  
ately elsewhere. The anticyclone has  
moved eastward, and the monsoon will be  
temporarily interrupted to the north of  
Fuefueh, but will continue to blow  
freely over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours  
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.  
Total since January 1st 1914 164.46 inches  
against an average of 84.08 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS  
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Weather.
1. Hongkong to Gap Boek.	N.E.	0.00	0.00	moderate.	fine.
2. Formosa Channel.	N. winds,	0.00	0.00	fresh to	moderate.
3. South coast of China be-	The same	0.00	0.00	as No. 1.	
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China Coast Meteorological Register,  
Dec. 4, a.m.

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Vostock	30.14	64	90	e	4.0
Remuro	30.13	57	87	n	0.0
Hakodate	30.06	61	n	4.0	
Kochi	30.02	73	n	4.0	
Nagasaki	30.10	61	n	6.0	
Kagima	30.17	55	87	n	2.0
Oshima	30.11	65	84	e	1.0
Kabu	30.08	61	89	n	2.0
Shanghai	30.14	66	90	n	1.0
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### ENTERTAINMENT.

Moving pictures for children were  
inevitable from the very moment moving  
pictures were invented; but it has been part  
of the normal course of things that they should  
not have been actually made until this time.  
Only the very best that the world can pro-  
duce is to be laid before the sincerely  
critical eyes of the young.

The grave necessity that has arisen  
for films entirely suited for children has  
now been met. William Fox, the producer,  
has taken this great, new step. The "FOX  
KIDDIE FEATURES" are ready for presenta-  
tion, and the first of these, "JACK AND THE  
BEANSTALK," will soon be before Hongkong  
cinema goers.

### VICTORIA THEATRE.

December, 2nd, 3rd & 4th 1918.

9.15 P.M. PERFORMANCE.

## "THE HOUSE OF HATE"

Episodes 7 and 8

ANNALS OF THE WAR No. 50

BRITISH GAZETTE No. 481.  
etc.

Booking at ANDERSON'S.

### AMERICA'S FIGHTERS.

Eight U. S. Divisions to Return.

General March has announced  
that authority is given General  
Perahing to send back all such  
troops as are not needed in mak-  
ing up the army of occupation.

He said that General Perahing  
had indicated that the following  
would not remain:—

Divisions: 31, 34, 38, 39, 76

84, 86 and 87.

Coast Artillery regiments: 46,  
47, 49, 53, 75 and 76

Field Artillery regiments: 75  
and 103.

In addition, General Perahing  
has indicated that the following  
classes of troops be returned:  
Railroad artillery, army artillery  
and gas, tank, and airmen.

The Americans in France have  
taken 44,000 German prisoners  
and 1,400 guns, since they began  
operations.

### UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The Great Northern Telegraph  
Company, Ltd.

The following Unclaimed Tele-  
grams are lying here:—

Kingfo Kachain Nakai, from  
Shanghai.

Cameron Netherlands Trading  
Society, from Yokohama.

Yanon, from Kobe.

Wroe, from Yokohama.

K. C. Har Chinese Y. M. C. A.  
from Shanghai.

Chu Lip Tong, 276, Des Voeux  
Road Central, from Olongapo.

Yantai, from Shanghai.

Wyatt Passenger, Togo Maru,  
c/o Nippon Yusen Kaisha, from  
Shanghai.

Nishioka, Suzukishoten, from  
Kobe.

Samyik, from Shanghai.

Miss Chenwong, 3rd Floor, 37  
Douglas Street (2) from Shanghai.

Lisangyuen, from Shanghai.

Bowen, c/o Edward Hotel,  
from Shanghai.

Tongyack, Hungfatcheong,  
West Point, from Shanghai.

George Stell, Hongkong Hotel,  
from New York.

Changyenan, No. 11, China  
Wine Shop, from Shanghai.

Tsuchioka, 60 Kaitogai Jargo,  
from Wabuku.

Chen Wokee, (2), from Naga-  
saki.

Tsungsun, from Shanghai.

No. 161, Wunchayton, from  
Shanghai.

T. KRING,  
Act. Superintendent.

Hongkong, November 29, 1918.

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### WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in  
Reservoirs on Nov. 1, 1918.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER  
WORKS LEVEL.

System	1st. 10. Below	2nd. 10. Below
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STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND  
DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

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Consumption of water in the City and Hill District  
in millions and decimals of gallons during the month  
of Oct.

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Consumption of water in Keweenaw is millions and hundreds of gallons during the month of Oct.		
	1917	1918
Consumption	41.50	50 68 M. gallons
Estimated popula- tion	100 700	128 500
Consumption per head per day	11.1	18.4 gallons